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Applicant : Claude Tihon : May 3, 2001
Serial No. : 09/522,486 : Group Art Unit: 3764
Filed : March 10, 2000 : Examiner: Brown, M.
For : FEMALE INCONTINENCE PREVENTION DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER
35 C.F.R. §1.114**

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COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action of March 27, 2001, applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application. A check in the amount of \$355.00 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice and replace it with Claim 15 as follows:

1. ~~15~~ (new). An incontinence prevention device comprising:
- (a) a flexible shaft member sized to fit within the urethra of a female;
- and
- (b) a retention structure formed on a distal end of the flexible shaft, the retention structure forming a perimeter of a closed loop defining a plane that is generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the flexible shaft when the retention structure is unrestrained, said longitudinal axis being offset from a center of the closed loop so as to pass through the perimeter of the closed loop.

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